E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB867

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
- 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 13-2709, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 4 2013, is amended to read:
- 5 13-2709 The department shall submit, as part of the
- 6 department's annual status report under section 81-1201.11, the
- 7 following information regarding the Civic and Community Center
- 8 Financing Act:
- 9 (1) Information documenting the grants conditionally
- 10 approved for funding by the Legislature in the following fiscal
- 11 year;
- 12 (2) Reasons why a full application was not sent to any
- 13 municipality seeking assistance under the act;
- 14 (3) The amount of sales tax revenue generated for the
- 15 fund pursuant to subsection (4) of section 13-2610 and subsection
- 16 $\frac{(6)}{(7)}$ (7) of section 13-3108, the total amount of grants applied for
- 17 under the act, the year-end fund balance, and, if all available
- 18 funds have not been committed to funding grants under the act, an
- 19 explanation of the reasons why all such funds have not been so
- 20 committed;
- 21 (4) The amount of appropriated funds actually expended by
- 22 the department for the year;
- 23 (5) The department's current budget for administration

1 of the act and the department's planned use and distribution of

- 2 funds, including details on the amount of funds to be expended on
- 3 grants and the amount of funds to be expended by the department for
- 4 administrative purposes; and
- 5 (6) Grant summaries, including the applicant
- 6 municipality, project description, grant amount requested,
- 7 amount and type of matching funds, and reasons for approval
- 8 or denial based on evaluation criteria from section 13-2707 or
- 9 13-2707.01 for every application seeking assistance under the act.
- 10 Sec. 2. Section 13-3107, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 13-3107 (1) If an application is approved, the Tax
- 13 Commissioner shall:
- 14 (a) Audit or review audits of the approved eligible
- 15 sports arena facility to determine the (i) state sales tax revenue
- 16 collected by retailers doing business at such facility on sales at
- 17 such facility, (ii) state sales tax revenue collected on primary
- 18 and secondary box office sales of admissions to such facility, and
- 19 (iii) new state sales tax revenue collected by nearby retailers;
- 20 (b) Estimate quarterly the amount of state sales tax
- 21 revenue and new state sales tax revenue that will be determined
- 22 under subdivision (a) of this subsection and certify such amount to
- 23 <u>the State Treasurer;</u>
- 24 (b) (c) Certify annually the amount of state sales
- 25 tax revenue and new state sales tax revenue determined under
- 26 subdivision (a) of this subsection to the State Treasurer; and
- 27 (d) Determine if more than one facility is eligible

1 for state assistance from state sales tax revenue collected by

- 2 the same nearby retailers. If the Tax Commissioner has made such
- 3 a determination, the facility that was first determined to be
- 4 eligible for state assistance shall be the only facility eligible
- 5 to receive such funds.
- 6 (2) State sales tax revenue collected by retailers that
- 7 are doing business at an eligible sports arena facility and new
- 8 state sales tax revenue collected by nearby retailers shall be
- 9 reported on informational returns developed by the Department of
- 10 Revenue and provided to any such retailers by the facility. The
- 11 informational returns shall be submitted to the department by the
- 12 retailer by the twentieth day of the month following the month the
- 13 sales taxes are collected. The Tax Commissioner shall use the data
- 14 from the informational returns and sales tax returns of both such
- 15 categories of retailers and the sports arena facility to determine
- 16 the appropriate amount of state sales tax revenue.
- 17 (3) The Department of Revenue may adopt and promulgate
- 18 rules and regulations to carry out the Sports Arena Facility
- 19 Financing Assistance Act.
- 20 Sec. 3. Section 13-3108, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 21 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 22 13-3108 (1) Upon the annual quarterly certification under
- 23 subdivision (1)(b) of section 13-3107, the State Treasurer shall
- 24 transfer after the audit the amount certified to the Sports Arena
- 25 Facility Support Fund which is hereby created. Any money in the
- 26 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 27 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act

1 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

2 (2) Upon the annual certification under subdivision

3 (1)(c) of section 13-3107, the State Treasurer shall transfer

4 after the audit the amount necessary to reconcile the quarterly

5 estimated transfers with the annual certification either to or from

6 the fund.

7 (2)(a) (3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to 8 appropriate from the fund money to be distributed quarterly to any 9 political subdivision for which an application for state assistance 10 under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act has been 11 approved an amount not to exceed seventy percent of the (i) 12 state sales tax revenue collected by retailers doing business at eligible sports arena facilities on sales at such facilities, (ii) 13 14 state sales tax revenue collected on primary and secondary box 15 office sales of admissions to such facilities, and (iii) new state 16 sales tax revenue collected by nearby retailers and sourced under 17 sections 77-2703.01 to 77-2703.04 to a location within six hundred 18 yards of the eligible facility.

19 (b) The amount to be appropriated for distribution as state assistance to a political subdivision under this subsection 20 21 for any one year after the tenth year shall not exceed the 22 highest such amount appropriated under subdivision (2)(a) (3)(a) of 23 this section during any one year of the first ten years of such 24 appropriation. If seventy percent of the state sales tax revenue as 25 described in subdivision (2)(a) (3) (a) of this section exceeds the 26 amount to be appropriated under this subdivision, such excess funds 27 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

1 (4) The total amount of state assistance approved

- 2 for an eligible sports arena facility shall not (a) exceed fifty
- 3 million dollars or (b) be paid out for more than twenty years after
- 4 the issuance of the first bond for the sports arena facility.
- 5 (4) (5) State assistance to the political subdivision
- 6 shall no longer be available upon the retirement of the bonds
- 7 issued to acquire, construct, improve, or equip the facility or any
- 8 subsequent bonds that refunded the original issue or when state
- 9 assistance reaches the amount determined under subsection (3) (4)
- 10 of this section, whichever comes first.
- 11 $\frac{(5)}{(6)}$ State assistance shall not be used for an
- 12 operating subsidy or other ancillary facility.
- 13 (6) (7) The thirty percent of state sales tax revenue
- 14 remaining after the appropriation and transfer in subsection (2)
- 15 (3) of this section shall be appropriated by the Legislature to the
- 16 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund.
- 17 (8) Except as provided in subsection (8) (9) of this
- 18 section for a city of the primary class, any municipality that has
- 19 applied for and received a grant of assistance under the Civic and
- 20 Community Center Financing Act shall not receive state assistance
- 21 under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act for the
- 22 same project for which the grant was awarded under the Civic and
- 23 Community Center Financing Act.
- 24 (8) (9) A city of the primary class shall not be eligible
- 25 to receive a grant of assistance from the Civic and Community
- 26 Center Financing Act if the city has applied for and received
- 27 a grant of assistance under the Sports Arena Facility Financing

- 1 Assistance Act.
- 2 Sec. 4. Section 77-2701, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 4 77-2701 Sections 77-2701 to 77-27,135.01 and 77-27,228 to
- 5 77-27,236 and sections 8 and 9 of this act shall be known and may
- 6 be cited as the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.
- 7 Sec. 5. Section 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 9 77-2701.04 For purposes of sections 77-2701.04 to
- 10 77-2713 and sections 8 and 9 of this act, unless the context
- 11 otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 77-2701.05 to
- 12 77-2701.55 shall be used.
- 13 Sec. 6. Section 77-2701.11, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 14 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 15 77-2701.11 Delivery charges means charges by the seller
- 16 of personal property or services for preparation and delivery to
- 17 a location designated by the purchaser of personal property or
- 18 services, including, but not limited to, transportation, shipping,
- 19 postage, handling, crating, and packing. Delivery charges does not
- 20 include United States postage charges on direct mail that are
- 21 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document
- 22 given to the purchaser.
- 23 Sec. 7. Section 77-2701.35, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 77-2701.35 (1) Sales price applies to the measure subject
- 26 to sales tax and means the total amount of consideration, including
- 27 cash, credit, property, and services, for which personal property

1 or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether

- 2 received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for the
- 3 following:
- 4 (a) The seller's cost of the property sold;
- 5 (b) The cost of materials used, the cost of labor or
- 6 service, interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the
- 7 seller, all taxes imposed on the seller, and any other expense of
- 8 the seller;
- 9 (c) Charges by the seller for any services necessary to
- 10 complete the sale;
- 11 (d) Delivery charges; and
- 12 (e) Installation charges.
- 13 (2) Sales price includes consideration received by the
- 14 seller from third parties if:
- 15 (a) The seller actually receives consideration from a
- 16 party other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly
- 17 related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;
- 18 (b) The seller has an obligation to pass the price
- 19 reduction or discount through to the purchaser;
- 20 (c) The amount of the consideration attributable to the
- 21 sale is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the
- 22 sale of the item to the purchaser; and
- 23 (d) One of the following criteria is met:
- 24 (i) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or
- 25 other documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction
- 26 or discount when the coupon, certificate, or documentation is
- 27 authorized, distributed, or granted by a third party with the

1 understanding that the third party will reimburse any seller to

- 2 whom the coupon, certificate, or documentation is presented;
- 3 (ii) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the
- 4 seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price
- 5 reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available
- 6 to any patron does not constitute membership in such a group; or
- 7 (iii) The price reduction or discount is identified as a
- 8 third-party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by
- 9 the purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation
- 10 presented by the purchaser.
- 11 (3) Sales price does not include:
- 12 (a) Any discounts, including cash, terms, or coupons that
- 13 are not reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a seller
- 14 and taken by a purchaser on a sale;
- (b) Interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit
- 16 extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the
- 17 amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or
- 18 similar document given to the purchaser;
- 19 (c) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer
- 20 that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar
- 21 document given to the purchaser; and
- 22 (d) United States postage charges on direct mail that are
- 23 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document
- 24 given to the purchaser; and
- 25 (d) (e) Credit for any trade-in as follows:
- 26 (i) The value of property taken by a seller in trade as
- 27 all or a part of the consideration for a sale of property of any

- 1 kind or nature; or
- 2 (ii) The value of a motor vehicle or motorboat taken by
- 3 any person in trade as all or a part of the consideration for a
- 4 sale of another motor vehicle or motorboat.
- 5 Sec. 8. (1) Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed
- 6 on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and
- 7 the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of purchases
- 8 by any historic automobile museum of items which are displayed
- 9 or held for display by such historic automobile museum and which
- 10 are reasonably related to the general purpose of such historic
- 11 <u>automobile museum.</u>
- 12 (2) For purposes of this section, historic automobile
- 13 museum means a museum as defined in section 51-702 that:
- 14 (a) Is used to maintain and exhibit to the public a
- 15 collection of at least one hundred fifty motor vehicles; and
- (b) Was open to the public an average of four or more
- 17 hours per week during the previous calendar year.
- 18 (3) A museum in its first year of existence may qualify
- 19 as a historic automobile museum under this section without
- 20 complying with subdivision (2)(b) of this section if all other
- 21 requirements of subsection (2) of this section are met.
- 22 (4) If a museum that has claimed an exemption under this
- 23 section fails to qualify as a historic automobile museum, such
- 24 museum shall be subject to a deficiency determination under section
- 25 77-2709 and notice of such deficiency determination may be served
- 26 or mailed within the applicable period provided in subdivision
- 27 (5)(c) of section 77-2709.

Sec. 9. (1) Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed

- 2 on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the
- 3 storage, use, or other consumption in this state of currency or
- 4 bullion.
- 5 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 6 (a) Bullion means bars, ingots, or commemorative
- 7 medallions of gold, silver, platinum, or palladium, or a
- 8 combination of these, for which the value of the metal depends on
- 9 its content and not the form; and
- 10 (b) Currency means a coin or currency made of gold,
- 11 silver, or other metal or paper which is or has been used as legal
- 12 tender.
- 13 Sec. 10. Section 77-2711, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 14 2013, is amended to read:
- 15 77-2711 (1)(a) The Tax Commissioner shall enforce
- 16 sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and may prescribe, adopt, and
- 17 enforce rules and regulations relating to the administration and
- 18 enforcement of such sections.
- 19 (b) The Tax Commissioner may prescribe the extent to
- 20 which any ruling or regulation shall be applied without retroactive
- 21 effect.
- 22 (2) The Tax Commissioner may employ accountants,
- 23 auditors, investigators, assistants, and clerks necessary for the
- 24 efficient administration of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and
- 25 may delegate authority to his or her representatives to conduct
- 26 hearings, prescribe regulations, or perform any other duties
- 27 imposed by such act.

1 (3)(a) Every seller, every retailer, and every person

- 2 storing, using, or otherwise consuming in this state property
- 3 purchased from a retailer shall keep such records, receipts,
- 4 invoices, and other pertinent papers in such form as the Tax
- 5 Commissioner may reasonably require.
- 6 (b) Every such seller, retailer, or person shall keep
- 7 such records for not less than three years from the making of such
- 8 records unless the Tax Commissioner in writing sooner authorized
- 9 their destruction.
- 10 (4) The Tax Commissioner or any person authorized in
- 11 writing by him or her may examine the books, papers, records, and
- 12 equipment of any person selling property and any person liable for
- 13 the use tax and may investigate the character of the business of
- 14 the person in order to verify the accuracy of any return made or,
- 15 if no return is made by the person, to ascertain and determine
- 16 the amount required to be paid. In the examination of any person
- 17 selling property or of any person liable for the use tax, an
- 18 inquiry shall be made as to the accuracy of the reporting of city
- 19 sales and use taxes for which the person is liable under the Local
- 20 Option Revenue Act or sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 and
- 21 the accuracy of the allocation made between the various counties,
- 22 cities, villages, and municipal counties of the tax due. The Tax
- 23 Commissioner may make or cause to be made copies of resale or
- 24 exemption certificates and may pay a reasonable amount to the
- 25 person having custody of the records for providing such copies.
- 26 (5) The taxpayer shall have the right to keep or store
- 27 his or her records at a point outside this state and shall make his

1 or her records available to the Tax Commissioner at all times.

2 (6) In administration of the use tax, the Tax 3 Commissioner may require the filing of reports by any person or 4 class of persons having in his, her, or their possession or custody 5 information relating to sales of property, the storage, use, or other consumption of which is subject to the tax. The report shall 6 7 be filed when the Tax Commissioner requires and shall set forth the 8 names and addresses of purchasers of the property, the sales price of the property, the date of sale, and such other information as 9 10 the Tax Commissioner may require.

11 (7) It shall be a Class I misdemeanor for the Tax 12 Commissioner or any official or employee of the Tax Commissioner, the State Treasurer, or the Department of Administrative Services 13 14 to make known in any manner whatever the business affairs, 15 operations, or information obtained by an investigation of records 16 and activities of any retailer or any other person visited 17 or examined in the discharge of official duty or the amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or any 18 particular thereof, set forth or disclosed in any return, or 19 to permit any return or copy thereof, or any book containing 20 21 any abstract or particulars thereof to be seen or examined by 22 any person not connected with the Tax Commissioner. Nothing in 23 this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the delivery to a taxpayer, his or her duly authorized representative, or his 24 25 or her successors, receivers, trustees, executors, administrators, 26 assignees, or guarantors, if directly interested, of a certified 27 copy of any return or report in connection with his or her tax,

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(b) the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent 1 2 the identification of particular reports or returns and the items 3 thereof, (c) the inspection by the Attorney General, other legal 4 representative of the state, or county attorney of the reports 5 or returns of any taxpayer when either (i) information on the reports or returns is considered by the Attorney General to be 6 7 relevant to any action or proceeding instituted by the taxpayer 8 or against whom an action or proceeding is being considered or 9 has been commenced by any state agency or the county or (ii) the 10 taxpayer has instituted an action to review the tax based thereon 11 or an action or proceeding against the taxpayer for collection of 12 tax or failure to comply with the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 is being considered or has been commenced, (d) the furnishing of any 13 14 information to the United States Government or to states allowing 15 similar privileges to the Tax Commissioner, (e) the disclosure of 16 information and records to a collection agency contracting with the 17 Tax Commissioner pursuant to sections 77-377.01 to 77-377.04, (f) 18 the disclosure to another party to a transaction of information 19 and records concerning the transaction between the taxpayer and 20 the other party, (g) the disclosure of information pursuant to section 77-27,195 or 77-5731, or (h) the disclosure of information 21 22 to the Department of Labor necessary for the administration of the 23 Employment Security Law, the Contractor Registration Act, or the 24 Employee Classification Act. 25 26

(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this section, the Tax Commissioner may permit the Postal Inspector of the United States Postal Service or his or her delegates to

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1 inspect the reports or returns of any person filed pursuant to the

- 2 Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 when information on the reports or
- 3 returns is relevant to any action or proceeding instituted or being
- 4 considered by the United States Postal Service against such person
- 5 for the fraudulent use of the mails to carry and deliver false and
- 6 fraudulent tax returns to the Tax Commissioner with the intent to
- 7 defraud the State of Nebraska or to evade the payment of Nebraska
- 8 state taxes.
- 9 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of
- 10 this section, the Tax Commissioner may permit other tax officials
- 11 of this state to inspect the tax returns, reports, and applications
- 12 filed under sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713, but such inspection
- 13 shall be permitted only for purposes of enforcing a tax law and
- 14 only to the extent and under the conditions prescribed by the rules
- 15 and regulations of the Tax Commissioner.
- 16 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7)
- 17 of this section, the Tax Commissioner may, upon request, provide
- 18 the county board of any county which has exercised the authority
- 19 granted by section 81-3716 with a list of the names and addresses
- 20 of the hotels located within the county for which lodging sales tax
- 21 returns have been filed or for which lodging sales taxes have been
- 22 remitted for the county's County Visitors Promotion Fund under the
- 23 Nebraska Visitors Development Act.
- 24 The information provided by the Tax Commissioner shall
- 25 indicate only the names and addresses of the hotels located within
- 26 the requesting county for which lodging sales tax returns have been
- 27 filed for a specified period and the fact that lodging sales taxes

1 remitted by or on behalf of the hotel have constituted a portion of

- 2 the total sum remitted by the state to the county for a specified
- 3 period under the provisions of the Nebraska Visitors Development
- 4 Act. No additional information shall be revealed.
- 5 (11)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7)
- 6 of this section, the Tax Commissioner shall, upon written request
- 7 by the Auditor of Public Accounts or the Legislative Performance
- 8 Audit Committee, make tax returns and tax return information open
- 9 to inspection by or disclosure to the Auditor of Public Accounts
- 10 or employees of the office of Legislative Audit for the purpose of
- 11 and to the extent necessary in making an audit of the Department
- 12 of Revenue pursuant to section 50-1205 or 84-304. Confidential
- 13 tax returns and tax return information shall be audited only upon
- 14 the premises of the Department of Revenue. All audit workpapers
- 15 pertaining to the audit of the Department of Revenue shall be
- 16 stored in a secure place in the Department of Revenue.
- 17 (b) No employee of the Auditor of Public Accounts or
- 18 the office of Legislative Audit shall disclose to any person,
- 19 other than another Auditor of Public Accounts or office employee
- 20 whose official duties require such disclosure or as provided in
- 21 subsections (2) and (3) of section 50-1213, any return or return
- 22 information described in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in a form
- 23 which can be associated with or otherwise identify, directly or
- 24 indirectly, a particular taxpayer.
- 25 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this
- 26 subsection shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. For purposes
- 27 of this subsection, employee includes a former Auditor of Public

- 1 Accounts or office of Legislative Audit employee.
- 2 (12) For purposes of this subsection and subsections (11)
- 3 and (14) of this section:
- 4 (a) Disclosure means the making known to any person in
- 5 any manner a tax return or return information;
- 6 (b) Return information means:
- 7 (i) A taxpayer's identification number and (A) the
- 8 nature, source, or amount of his or her income, payments, receipts,
- 9 deductions, exemptions, credits, assets, liabilities, net worth,
- 10 tax liability, tax withheld, deficiencies, overassessments, or tax
- 11 payments, whether the taxpayer's return was, is being, or will be
- 12 examined or subject to other investigation or processing or (B) any
- 13 other data received by, recorded by, prepared by, furnished to, or
- 14 collected by the Tax Commissioner with respect to a return or the
- 15 determination of the existence or possible existence of liability
- 16 or the amount of liability of any person for any tax, penalty,
- 17 interest, fine, forfeiture, or other imposition or offense; and
- 18 (ii) Any part of any written determination or any
- 19 background file document relating to such written determination;
- 20 and
- 21 (c) Tax return or return means any tax or information
- 22 return or claim for refund required by, provided for, or permitted
- 23 under sections 77-2701 to 77-2713 which is filed with the Tax
- 24 Commissioner by, on behalf of, or with respect to any person
- 25 and any amendment or supplement thereto, including supporting
- 26 schedules, attachments, or lists which are supplemental to or part
- 27 of the filed return.

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(13) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of 1 2 this section, the Tax Commissioner shall, upon request, provide any 3 municipality which has adopted the local option sales tax under the 4 Local Option Revenue Act with a list of the names and addresses 5 of the retailers which have collected the local option sales tax for the municipality. The request may be made annually and shall 6 7 be submitted to the Tax Commissioner on or before June 30 of 8 each year. The information provided by the Tax Commissioner shall 9 indicate only the names and addresses of the retailers. The Tax 10 Commissioner may provide additional information to a municipality 11 so long as the information does not include any data detailing 12 the specific revenue, expenses, or operations of any particular 13 business. 14 (14)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 15 (7) of this section, the Tax Commissioner shall, upon written 16 request, provide a municipal employee an individual certified under 17 subdivision (b) of this subsection representing a municipality which has adopted the local option sales and use tax under 18 19 the Local Option Revenue Act with confidential sales and use tax returns and sales and use tax return information regarding 20 21 taxpayers that possess a sales tax permit and the amounts remitted 22 by such permitholders at locations within the boundaries of the 23 requesting municipality or with confidential business use tax 24 returns and business use tax return information regarding taxpayers 25 that file a Nebraska and Local Business Use Tax Return and 26 the amounts remitted by such taxpayers at locations within the

boundaries of the requesting municipality. Any written request

1 pursuant to this subsection shall provide the Department of Revenue

- 2 with no less than ten business days to prepare the sales and use
- 3 tax returns and sales <u>and use</u> tax return information requested.
- 4 Such returns and return information shall be viewed only upon the
- 5 premises of the department.
- 6 (b) Each municipality that seeks to request information
- 7 under subdivision (a) of this subsection shall certify to the
- 8 Department of Revenue one municipal employee individual who is
- 9 authorized by such municipality to make such request and review
- 10 the documents described in subdivision (a) of this subsection.
- 11 The individual may be a municipal employee or an individual who
- 12 contracts with the requesting municipality to provide financial,
- 13 accounting, or other administrative services.
- 14 (c) No municipal employee individual certified by a
- 15 municipality pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection shall
- 16 disclose to any person any information obtained pursuant to
- 17 a review by that municipal employee pursuant to under this
- 18 subsection. A municipal employee An individual certified by a
- 19 municipality pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection shall
- 20 remain subject to this subsection after he or she (i) is no longer
- 21 certified or (ii) is no longer in the employment of or under
- 22 <u>contract with</u> the certifying municipality.
- 23 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this
- 24 subsection shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.
- (e) The Department of Revenue shall not be held liable by
- 26 any person for an impermissible disclosure by a municipality or any
- 27 agent or employee thereof of any information obtained pursuant to a

- 1 review under this subsection.
- 2 (15) In all proceedings under the Nebraska Revenue Act
- 3 of 1967, the Tax Commissioner may act for and on behalf of the
- 4 people of the State of Nebraska. The Tax Commissioner in his or her
- 5 discretion may waive all or part of any penalties provided by the
- 6 provisions of such act or interest on delinquent taxes specified in
- 7 section 45-104.02, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted.
- 8 (16)(a) The purpose of this subsection is to set forth
- 9 the state's policy for the protection of the confidentiality
- 10 rights of all participants in the system operated pursuant to
- 11 the streamlined sales and use tax agreement and of the privacy
- 12 interests of consumers who deal with model 1 sellers.
- 13 (b) For purposes of this subsection:
- 14 (i) Anonymous data means information that does not
- 15 identify a person;
- 16 (ii) Confidential taxpayer information means all
- 17 information that is protected under a member state's laws,
- 18 regulations, and privileges; and
- 19 (iii) Personally identifiable information means
- 20 information that identifies a person.
- 21 (c) The state agrees that a fundamental precept for model
- 22 1 sellers is to preserve the privacy of consumers by protecting
- 23 their anonymity. With very limited exceptions, a certified service
- 24 provider shall perform its tax calculation, remittance, and
- 25 reporting functions without retaining the personally identifiable
- 26 information of consumers.
- 27 (d) The governing board of the member states in the

1 streamlined sales and use tax agreement may certify a certified

- 2 service provider only if that certified service provider certifies
- 3 that:
- 4 (i) Its system has been designed and tested to ensure
- 5 that the fundamental precept of anonymity is respected;
- 6 (ii) Personally identifiable information is only used and
- 7 retained to the extent necessary for the administration of model 1
- 8 with respect to exempt purchasers;
- 9 (iii) It provides consumers clear and conspicuous
- 10 notice of its information practices, including what information
- 11 it collects, how it collects the information, how it uses the
- 12 information, how long, if at all, it retains the information, and
- 13 whether it discloses the information to member states. Such notice
- 14 shall be satisfied by a written privacy policy statement accessible
- 15 by the public on the web site of the certified service provider;
- 16 (iv) Its collection, use, and retention of personally
- 17 identifiable information is limited to that required by the member
- 18 states to ensure the validity of exemptions from taxation that are
- 19 claimed by reason of a consumer's status or the intended use of the
- 20 goods or services purchased; and
- 21 (v) It provides adequate technical, physical, and
- 22 administrative safeguards so as to protect personally identifiable
- 23 information from unauthorized access and disclosure.
- 24 (e) The state shall provide public notification to
- 25 consumers, including exempt purchasers, of the state's practices
- 26 relating to the collection, use, and retention of personally
- 27 identifiable information.

1 (f) When any personally identifiable information that

- 2 has been collected and retained is no longer required for the
- 3 purposes set forth in subdivision (16)(d)(iv) of this section, such
- 4 information shall no longer be retained by the member states.
- 5 (g) When personally identifiable information regarding an
- 6 individual is retained by or on behalf of the state, it shall
- 7 provide reasonable access by such individual to his or her own
- 8 information in the state's possession and a right to correct any
- 9 inaccurately recorded information.
- 10 (h) If anyone other than a member state, or a person
- 11 authorized by that state's law or the agreement, seeks to discover
- 12 personally identifiable information, the state from whom the
- 13 information is sought should make a reasonable and timely effort to
- 14 notify the individual of such request.
- 15 (i) This privacy policy is subject to enforcement by the
- 16 Attorney General.
- 17 (j) All other laws and regulations regarding the
- 18 collection, use, and maintenance of confidential taxpayer
- 19 information remain fully applicable and binding. Without
- 20 limitation, this subsection does not enlarge or limit the state's
- 21 authority to:
- 22 (i) Conduct audits or other reviews as provided under the
- 23 agreement and state law;
- (ii) Provide records pursuant to the federal Freedom of
- 25 Information Act, disclosure laws with governmental agencies, or
- 26 other regulations;
- 27 (iii) Prevent, consistent with state law, disclosure of

- 1 confidential taxpayer information;
- 2 (iv) Prevent, consistent with federal law, disclosure or
- 3 misuse of federal return information obtained under a disclosure
- 4 agreement with the Internal Revenue Service; and
- 5 (v) Collect, disclose, disseminate, or otherwise use
- 6 anonymous data for governmental purposes.
- 7 Sec. 11. Section 77-27,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 9 77-27,144 (1) The Tax Commissioner shall collect the
- 10 tax imposed by any incorporated municipality concurrently with
- 11 collection of a state tax in the same manner as the state tax is
- 12 collected. The Tax Commissioner shall remit monthly the proceeds
- 13 of the tax to the incorporated municipalities levying the tax,
- 14 after deducting the amount of refunds made and three percent of the
- 15 remainder to be credited to the Municipal Equalization Fund.
- 16 (2) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to section
- 17 77-4105 or 77-5725 shall be delayed for one year after the refund
- 18 has been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall
- 19 notify the municipality liable for the refund of the pending
- 20 refund, the amount of the refund, and the month in which the
- 21 deduction will be made or begin, except that if the amount of a
- 22 refund claimed under section 77-4105 or 77-5725 exceeds twenty-five
- 23 percent of the municipality's total sales and use tax receipts, net
- 24 of any refunds or sales tax collection fees, for the municipality's
- 25 prior fiscal year, the department shall deduct the refund over
- 26 the period of one year in equal monthly amounts beginning after
- 27 the one-year notification period required by this subsection. This

1 subsection applies to refunds owed by cities of the first class,

- 2 cities of the second class, and villages. This subsection applies
- 3 beginning January 1, 2014.
- 4 (3) The Tax Commissioner shall keep full and accurate
- 5 records of all money received and distributed under the provisions
- 6 of the Local Option Revenue Act. When proceeds of a tax levy
- 7 are received but the identity of the incorporated municipality
- 8 which levied the tax is unknown and is not identified within six
- 9 months after receipt, the amount shall be credited to the Municipal
- 10 Equalization Fund. The municipality may request the names and
- 11 addresses of the retailers which have collected the tax as provided
- 12 in subsection (13) of section 77-2711 and may certify a municipal
- 13 employee an individual to request and review confidential sales
- 14 <u>and use</u> tax returns and sales <u>and use</u> tax return information as
- 15 provided in subsection (14) of section 77-2711.
- Sec. 12. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 13 of this act become
- 17 operative on July 1, 2014. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 14 of
- 18 this act become operative on April 1, 2014. Section 8 of this
- 19 act becomes operative on October 1, 2014. Sections 10, 11, and
- 20 15 of this act become operative three calendar months after the
- 21 adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this
- 22 act become operative on their effective date.
- 23 Sec. 13. Original sections 13-3107 and 13-3108, Reissue
- 24 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-2709, Revised Statutes
- 25 Supplement, 2013, are repealed.
- 26 Sec. 14. Original sections 77-2701.11 and 77-2701.35,
- 27 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2701 and

1 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are

- 2 repealed.
- 3 Sec. 15. Original section 77-27,144, Revised Statutes
- 4 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, and section 77-2711, Revised Statutes
- 5 Supplement, 2013, are repealed.
- 6 Sec. 16. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
- 7 when passed and approved according to law.
- 8 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "section" in line 1
- 9 through line 6 and insert "sections 13-3107, 13-3108, 77-2701.11,
- 10 and 77-2701.35, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections
- 11 77-2701, 77-2701.04, and 77-27,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 12 Supplement, 2012, and sections 13-2709 and 77-2711, Revised
- 13 Statutes Supplement, 2013; to provide for quarterly distributions
- 14 under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to exempt
- 15 certain postage, currency, and bullion from sales and use taxation;
- 16 to exempt purchases by historic automobile museums from sales and
- 17 use taxation; to change provisions relating to review of sales and
- 18 use tax information by municipalities; to harmonize provisions; to
- 19 provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to
- 20 declare an emergency.".